(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action that has been contemplated on the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A decision has been taken to constitute the Court of Inquiry under the Chairmanship of a sitting Judge of the High Court to enquire into the Godavarikhani Coal Mine Accident.

EPF interest rate

2034. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of interest on EPF has been fixed at 9 per cent with 0.50 per cent bonus;

(b) if so, the reasons for not keeping the existing rate of interest at 9.5 per cent; and

(c) the financial benefit expected by Government by the revised rate over the existing rate during the year 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund have recommended 9.5% interest rate to the Employees' Provident Fund subscribers for the year 2003-04, which included the Golden Jubilee Bonus interest rate of 0.5%.

(b) Rate of interest is decided on the basis of the income of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund from its investments and its interest liabilities to the subscribers.

(c) Nil.

EPF defaulters

2035. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the major EPF defaulters in both public and private sectors together with the EPF amount pending for recovery;